

General Tips for Parents

Read all papers that your child's school sends you. Make sure you know about any meetings or hearings that are scheduled concerning your child. Don't agree to anything that you don't understand.

Suspension: In-school and Out-of-school

In-School Suspension. Before any in-school suspension or detention, the student should be informed of the reasons and given a chance to tell his or her side of the story. Parents should also be notified.

The student's education must continue during the In-School Suspension. If the in-school suspension lasts for more than 10 days, the student must be offered an "Informal Hearing".

Out-of-School Suspension. Before any Out-of-School Suspension, the student must be informed of the reason and given a chance to respond. Parents must be notified in writing. (Pursuant to Article 3 Section 15-840 of Arizona Education Laws and Rules.)

"Expulsion" means the permanent withdrawal of the privilege of attending a school unless the governing board reinstates the privilege of attending school.

"Suspension" means the temporary withdrawal of the privilege of attending a school for a specified period of time.

As an alternative to suspension or expulsion, the school district may reassign any pupil to an alternative education program if the pupil does not meet the requirements for participation in the alternative to suspension program and if good cause exists for expulsion or for a long-term suspension.

Parents...remember!

A.I.M.S. Testing will begin in February 2005 and Terra Nova (formerly known as Stanford Nine) will take place in April for grades 2 through 9.

Please remind your children who will be taking the A.I.M.S. and Terra Nova National Achievement Test that electronic devices of any kind must not be brought to the classroom, i.e.

- cell phones with text messaging,
- PDA's (personal data agendas),
- calculators including watches with calculators.

English Language Learners (ELL) and Special Needs Students may receive appropriate accommodations during the testing process.